

## The Air National Guard Band of the Northeast

MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD 50 MAPLE STREET MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01757

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Air National Guard Band Presents "Americans We" Concert Series

MILFORD, MA – The Air National Guard Band of the Northeast (ANGBNE) will perform in four states during its upcoming "American We" 2011 summer concert series.

The ANGBNE's concert tour will highlight diversity in America and the role of the Air National Guard throughout various eras dating back to the first muster in Salem, MA, to current operations of Global Vigilance, Reach, and Power. Concerts will feature the music of John Williams, traditional concert marches as well as a moving patriotic tribute honoring all military personnel past and present

The unit will open its tour June 29<sup>th</sup> with a 7 p.m. performance at the Darius Miller Band Shell in Walnut Hill Park, New Britain, CT. The concert will feature Sounds in Blue, a 35-piece concert band under the direction of 2nd Lt. Steven Ortiz as well as New Directions, a popular music ensemble which recently returned from the Middle East after providing musical support to our deployed troops.

On June 30, the ANGBNE performs a 6:30 p.m. concert on the Town Green in Guilford, CT featuring Sounds in Blue as well as The Ambassadors, the unit's jazz ensemble led by TSgt Rob Link.

The band performs in Newport, R.I., July 1 with a 5:30 p.m. performance scheduled at Fort Adams State Park. July 2 finds the unit performing a 7 p.m. concert at Heritage State Park in Fall River, MA. The ANGBNE returns to Connecticut July 3for a 6:30 p.m. concert at Newtown High School. The performance will include trumpet soloist Tony Nunes of Danbury who will be featured on La Virgen De la Macarena.

The band travels to Staten Island, NY, on Independence Day to perform during the Minor League Subway Series baseball game between the Staten Island Yankees and the Brooklyn Cyclones. The band concludes its tour with a pair of 7 p.m. performances in Massachusetts – July 6 at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, and July 8 at the Willows Park Shell, Salem.

The Air National Guard Band of the Northeast is a thirty-five member unit attached to Massachusetts Joint Forces Headquarters. Supported by the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes Air National Guard Base the unit is physically located at Massachusetts National Guard Headquarters in Milford, MA. For more information about the Air National Guard Band of the Northeast, log on to www.bandofthenortheast.ang.af.mil.



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Brass quintet plays at the Mets game during Air Force week. On the big screen at the stadium.



Colonel Arnald Gabriel, Conductor Emeritus, The United States Air Force Band, was chosen to receive the 2010 Ellis Island Medal Of Honor. The Air National Guard Band of the Northeast provided music for the 2010 event. Here, Col. Gabriel poses with the band after the ceremony.